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NEWS.

DR. A. F. BLAKESLEE has been appointed recently upon the botanical staff of the Philippine Commission.

PROFESSOR JOHN M. COULTER has been elected an honorary member of the Royal Botanical Society of Edinburgh.

DR. A. B. RENDLE has been appointed Keeper of the Department of Botany in the British Museum (Natural History).

DR. C. F. MILLSPAUGH, Field Columbian Museum, is spending three months in Europe, chiefly in the investigation of museums.

PROFESSOR DR. FRIDIANO CAVARA has been appointed director of the Botanical Garden of Naples in succession to the late Professor DELPINO.

MR. W. R. MAXON, U. S. National Herbarium, has just spent two months in Costa Rica collecting plants for the New York Botanical Garden.

DR. F. ROSEN has been advanced to the position of professor of botany and director of the Institute for Plant Physiology at the University of Breslau.

THE INFORMATION is just published that during 1903 there were 1,352,548 visitors at Kew Gardens; and during 1904 the number increased to 1,579,666.

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES in Munich has made a grant of *M*2500 to Dr. ROSZ, curator of the Botanical Museum, for zoological and botanical investigation in Central America.

DURING HIS PRESENT VISIT to the United States, Professor HUGO DE VRIES will deliver lectures at the summer session of the University of California and also at the University of Chicago.

AT THE RECENT Franklin Bicentenary at Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon Professor HUGO DEVRIES, who was present to deliver an address.

DR. LESTER F. WARD, for twenty-five years the paleobotanist of the United States Geological Survey, has left the ranks of professional botanists by accepting the position of professor of sociology in Brown University.

IN THE RECENT DISASTER at San Francisco the building of the California Academy of Sciences was destroyed, containing the very valuable collection of Californian plants. It is reported that the types were saved by the heroic efforts of Miss ALICE EASTWOOD.

DR. E. N. TRANSEAU, Alma College, Michigan, has been appointed a member of the staff of the Station for Experimental Evolution at Cold Spring Harbor. He will work at evolutionary problems from the ecological side.

MISS FREDA DETMERS, formerly botanist to the Ohio Experiment Station, lately teacher of botany in the Columbus North High School, has been appointed instructor in botany in the Ohio State University and has already assumed the duties of that position.

A BRIEF biography of the late Professor LÉO ERRERA has been distributed, containing, in addition to an appreciative notice of his life and work, a fine likeness in photogravure, and a bibliography numbering 168 titles—a marvelous output, considering its high quality, for a man only 47 years old.

DR. D. S. JOHNSON, Johns Hopkins University, is spending April and May in Jamaica at the Cinchona station of the New York Botanical Garden. Dr. FORREST SHREVE, of the same university, is spending a year at the same station in work on the physiology and ecology of the forest of the Blue Mountains.

DR. VON DER CRONE, assistant in the Botanical Institute of the Royal Agricultural College at Poppelsdorf, near Bonn, returned from a journey in Spain ill with typhus, from which he died on the 23d of February last. He had already published some recent studies on a cause of chlorosis and was prosecuting further work in chemical physiology.

THE EDITOR of *Flora and Sylva*, having issued three volumes in serial form at less than cost, has become convinced that it does not appeal to a sufficient number of readers to justify its continuance as a monthly magazine. Hereafter it is to appear as a yearly volume, but otherwise precisely as heretofore. The next volume will appear in the autumn.

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL STATION of the University of Washington, which is located at Friday Harbor, Washington, will open for its next season June 25 and will close August 5. The station is supplied with a steamer for transportation and deep dredging and offers good advantages for biological work, together with the pleasures of camping and tramping. Professor BRUCE FINK, Iowa College, will have charge of the botany.

PROFESSOR HUGO DE VRIES opened the course of spring lectures at the New York Botanical Garden on April 21st by an address upon "The correlation of characters in plants." Other lectures in this course will be given by W. A. MURRILL, ARTHUR HOLLICK, L. M. UNDERWOOD, C. S. GAGER, MARSHALL A. HOWE, G. V. NASH, H. H. RUSBY, D. T. MACDOUGAL, and N. L. BRITTON.

INSTRUCTORS in botany at the Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute located at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, for the summer of 1906 are Dr. D. S. JOHNSON, in charge of cryptogamic botany, Dr. E. N. TRANSEAU, in charge of plant ecology, and Mr. H. H. YORK, associate in botany. The laboratory will be open during July and August, the courses beginning July 5, and continuing six weeks.